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SUBJECT: CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES:
VOTING POSITIONS

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1. ECON/COM MIN SPOKE WITH LAUTENSCHLAGER (ACTING FOR HERMES WHO HAS ALREADY LEFT FOR WASHINGTON WITH FOREIGN MINISTER AND MOST SENIOR KNOWLEDGEABLE FOREIGN OFFICE OFFICIAL AVAILABLE) AND ASKED WHETHER THE FRG WOULD DEFINITELY COMMIT ITSELF TO VOTING AGAINST CHARTER AS A WHOLE, PROVIDED ONE ADDITIONAL EC MEMBER (THE UK) JOINS IT AS WELL AS USG. LAUTENSCHLAGER SAID HE COULD MAKE NO SUCH COMMITMENT SINCE DECISION WAS IN THE HANDS OF THE FOREIGN MINISTER WHO WAS NOW ON THE PLANE TO WASHINGTON. RECOMMENDATION WHICH HAD BEEN SUBMITTED TO FOREIGN MINISTER WAS THAT FRG VOTE NO ALONG WITH UK AND THE USG.

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2. LAUTENSCHLAGER ADDED THAT FRG HAD INDICATIONS FROM OTHER EC MEMBERS THAT THEY MIGHT ALSO GO ALONG WITH NO VOTE AND GERMANS WERE MAKING ONE LAST EFFORT TO GET ADDITIONAL EC MEMBERS ON BOARD. LAUTENSCHLAGER STRESSED, HOWEVER, THAT FRG EFFORTS TO GET OTHER EC MEMBERS ON BOARD SHOULD NOT BE PRESENTED AS INDICATION OF GERMAN WEAKNESS ON ISSUE.

3. LAUTENSCHLAGER URGED THAT DEPARTMENT CONTACT FOREIGN MINISTER OR HERMES WHO ARRIVE WASHINGTON TODAY TO DETERMINE FINAL DECISION OF MINISTER.
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